GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TEA CULTIVATION IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently identified any area in Tamil Nadu suitable for tea cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for promotion of tea cultivation in the State;

(d) whether any local entrepreneurs are proposed to be involved in tea plantation in the Tamil Nadu; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): No Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): A number of developmental schemes are being implemented by the Tea Board during the 10th Five Year Plan for enhancing productivity, quality and marketability of tea produced in the country, including Tamil Nadu. Financial assistance by way of subsidy and grant-in-aid is extended to the growers for undertaking replantation, rejuvenation, creation of irrigation facilities, setting up of self help groups among the small growers, modernization of the bought leaf factories which process the green leaf supplied by the growers etc.

(d): There is no specific proposal to involve local entrepreneurs in tea plantations in Tamil Nadu.

(e): Does not arise.